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## FCC'S INDEPENDENT PANEL REVIEWING THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE KATRINA ON COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS ANNOUNCES FINAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9, 2006 AT FCC HEADQUARTERS

Washington, D.C.: By this Public Notice the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, announces that the FCC's Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks ("Independent Panel" or "Panel") will hold its final meeting on June 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the FCC's Commission Meeting Room which is located at 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC.

The Panel will consider and vote on a report that addresses the impact of Hurricane Katrina on communications infrastructure, including public safety communications, and includes recommendations for improving disaster preparedness, network reliability and communications among first responders ("Panel Report"). The Panel Report is due to the FCC by June 15, 2006. As part of its consideration, the Panel may vote on proposed amendments to the Panel Report, if any.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance, however, will be limited to seating availability. Real Audio access to the meeting will be available at <a href="www.fcc.gov">www.fcc.gov</a>. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. To request accommodations, send an e-mail to <a href="fcc504@fcc.gov">fcc504@fcc.gov</a> or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). Include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least five days advance notice; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

The public may submit written comments before the meeting to: Lisa M. Fowlkes, the FCC's Designated Federal Officer for the Independent Panel, at <a href="lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov">lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov</a> or by U.S. Postal Mail (Lisa M. Fowlkes, Designated Federal Officer, Hurricane Katrina Independent Panel, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 7-C737, Washington DC 20554).

Publicly available documents regarding the Independent Panel are available for inspection and copying at the FCC's Public Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257,

Washington, D.C. 20554. Further information about the Independent Panel may also be found on the Panel's website at www.fcc.gov/eb/hkip.

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